

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 June 1954	2. LOCATION Clayton, Alabama	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical METEOR <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2045 GMT 22/0145Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE to NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant shooting star coming from SE. Cigar shape, entire object appeared as a light itself, entire flight at 45 deg elev from SE to NW.		11. COMMENTS Considered to be a very brilliant meteorite. Poss association with Savannah Ga Case, same date.

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JEPHO/DIF INTELLIGENCE NO NAME WASHDC

GEN COMINT NM MACMILLAN AFB ALA

MR. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] CLAYTON, ALABAMA,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OSI AT 1020 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, AND STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT INFORMATION ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

AT 1045 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT STORE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, BY SPECIAL AGENTS CARL LANGLOIS AND DONALD T. SCAFF, 8TH DISTRICT OSI. VENTRESS FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AT APPROXIMATELY 0045 HOURS, 21 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS, WAS STANDING ON A LAWN IN FRONT OF THE MILITARY CLUB, CLAYTON, ALABAMA, WHEN HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOOTING STAR COMING FROM A SOUTHEASTERLY

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ATTORNEY, CLAYTON, ALABAMA;

MR. [REDACTED] CLAYTON, ALABAMA, AND

MR. [REDACTED] CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

WENTZELLS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE OBJECT:

SHAPE: CIGAR SHAPED - LIKE THE WINGS OF AN AIRPLANE, BUT HAVING NO TAIL.

SIZE: AT THE ALTITUDE, IT LOOKED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 6-TO 8 INCHES LONG. COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO SIZE.

COLOR: "BRILLIANCE OF BUNCH OF STARS" - ENTIRE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A LIGHT IN COLOR. SOURCE COULD NOT STATE A DEFINATE COLOR.

NUMBER: ONLY ONE (1) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED.

FORMATION: NOT APPLICABLE

NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURING OR DETAILS - NO TRAIN, BECAUSE OF BOUND.

OBJECT FIRST APPEARED IN TELESCOPE AND WAS TRAVELING IN NORTH-
WESTERLY DIRECTION TOWARD MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED
AT APPROX. 45 DEGREES FROM THE LEVEL FORTY-FIVE DEGREES OF OBSERVATION.
AT ONE POINT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SOURCE LOSING SIGHT OF OBJECT WHEN
HIS VIEW WAS BLOCKED BY A TREE, THE OBJECT APPEARED TO MAKE A SHARP
LEFT TURN. UPON NOTING THE OBJECT AGAIN, IT HAD RETURNED TO ITS NORTH-
WESTERLY COURSE. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR A PERIOD OF

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RECORDED ON 10-10-67, 10:15 AM, 10-10-67, 10:15 AM
PAPERS WRITTEN IN INK, THE LINES OF AN AUTOMATIC PENSIL IN
THE FORM OF A DISCOURSES INTERRUPTING THEM. WITH NO PHOTOGRAPHS
TAKEN. NO INSTRUMENTS USED.

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(B) NIGHT.

(C) LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS:

CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

(D) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

(A) CIVILIAN:

EDWARD C. VENTRELL, HATTERS MERCHANT, CLAYTON, ALA.

(B) MILITARY

N.A.

(7) WEATHER AND TIMES ALONG AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(A) SOURCE STATED WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR, DARK NIGHT, STARS SHINING, MOON NOT SHINING.

(B) SURFACE 205 DEGREES 4 KNOTS

5000 FEET 170 DEGREES 7 KNOTS

10,000 FEET 270 DEGREES 9 KNOTS

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16,000 FEET 85 DEGREES/ 15 KNOTS

20,000 FEET 100 DEGREES/ 17 KNOTS

25,000 FEET 370 DEGREES/ 22 KNOTS

30,000 FEET 310 DEGREES/ 19 KNOTS

35,000 FEET 340 DEGREES

(C) CLOUDS + CLOUD CONDITIONS

(D) WEATHER + WEATHER PREDICTION

(E) CLOUD COUNT - 3-10

(F) THUNDERSTORMS - NONE

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(100) N. A.

(11) UNK

(12) MR. [REDACTED] 5TH DISTRICT OSI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE, IT IS KNOWN THAT HE STATED HE WAS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB, AND A HARDWARE MERCHANT IN CLAYTON, ALABAMA. HE APPEARED VERY STABLE, AND STATED HE WAS HESITANT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT BECAUSE EVERYONE "WILLING" PRACTICALLY WHEN THEY REPORTED SUCH SIGHTINGS. SOURCE FURTHER STATED HE HAD OBSERVED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT,

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AND THE OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A NORMAL AIRCRAFT.

REASON FOR DELAY.

REPORT RECEIVED AT O.S.I. AT 1200 HOURS ON 22 JUNE. TURNED IN TO INTELLIGENCE AT 1500, 22 JUNE.

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